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¶1. (SBU) Summary: The April 19 appointment of a new Director General (DG) for the National Institute for Health Research and Development (LITBANGKES) bodes well for improved relations with the Mission's Naval Medical Research Unit (NAMRU-2). The Executive Director and Chair of the newly created National Committee for AI Control (ref), Dr. Bayu Krisnamukti, told us the Committee plans to hold a workshop in the coming weeks to clarify the role of donor assistance. In addition, the Committee will seek help from the World Bank on the Government of Indonesia's (GOI) AI master plan. The local Department of Animal Husbandry in East Java reports that AI outbreaks in poultry continue in the Kediri District of East Java. The Ministry of Health concluded that one of the victims of a recent family cluster in Lampung was infected with an H3 virus, although NAMRU-2 disagrees with this finding. NAMRU-2 reports no new human H5N1 cases over the past two weeks. End summary.

New Head at Litbangkes  
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¶2. (SBU) On April 19, the GOI appointed Dr. Triono Soedoro as the new Director General (DG) for the National Institute

for Health Research and Development (LITBANGKES), a position that had been vacant since January 2006. Soedoro previously served as Chief of the Bureau of Social Welfare, Health and Nutrition in the National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) from 1996-2006. He graduated in 1979 from the Medical Faculty of the University of Airlangga, Surabaya and obtained a Doctoral Degree from Yale University. In one of his first acts as the new DG, Soedoro paid a 2-hour visit to NAMRU-2 facilities and indicated that he wants to enhance cooperation between Litbangkes and NAMRU-2. (Comment: Given tension between some LITBANGKES officials and NAMRU-2, this is a very favorable development.)

#### The National AI Committee

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¶3. (U) In a recent meeting with NAMRU-2 Commander Mark Wooster and other NAMRU-2 and USAID health officials, the Executive Director and Chair of the newly-created National Committee for AI Control Dr. Bayu Krisnamukti provided details on the Committee's structure. Bayu said the Committee has two main functions: a) coordination; and b) establishment of strong linkages between the central and local level governments in both the animal and human health sectors. Bayu said that as Chair, he oversees six interagency subcommittees with distinct "specialty areas" or areas of focus, each of which will be headed by the most senior GOI official working in that area. For instance, Dr. Nyoman Kandun, Director General for Disease Control and Environmental Health in the Ministry of Health, will chair the health subcommittee and Dr. Delima Ashari, Special Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture for Inter-agency and International Relations will chair the agriculture subcommittee. The Ministry of Finance, Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) and the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) will also

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chair subcommittees.

¶4. (U) Bayu confirmed that Dr. Emil Agustiono, Senior Advisor to Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare will serve as his deputy. The Committee's Secretary is Dr. Tri Satya Putri Naipospos (Dr. Tata), the former Director of Animal Health in the Ministry of Agriculture who was fired in 2005. In addition to the subcommittee chairs, an Experts Panel of approximately 16-17 veterinarians and medical doctors will support the national committee. Bayu insisted that the National AI Committee will not act without the blessing of the expert panel. He also invited NAMRU-2 to share its expertise with the panel.

¶5. (U) Bayu added that in the interest of coordination, the Committee has asked for support from the World Bank to scrutinize the GOI's Master AI Plan to "make it more operational". The Committee will then organize a 1-2 day workshop in May to bring together GOI ministries and donors to help identify who will take the lead and support the different aspects of the Master Plan.

#### AI in East Java

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¶6. (U) Abriyanti Dwiwin of the Office of Animal Health in the Kediri Department of Animal Husbandry in East Java told Congen Surabaya officials about two recently reported avian influenza outbreaks in poultry in her district. Most recently, the Department of Animal Husbandry confirmed that four dead chickens found in Kanyoran Village on March 23 were infected with AI. Dwiwin noted that the Animal Husbandry Department culled birds in the immediate area only and did not do a mass culling because no other chickens died following the death of the four birds. She claimed Kediri authorities followed Ministry procedures by vaccinating and disinfectant spraying in a larger radius around the outbreak. She added that the Department managed to borrow automatic sputis from local commercial poultry farmers to

more quickly administer vaccinations to protect local flocks. Dwiwin noted that it takes around two months for the central government to process and distribute compensation to farmers for culled birds.

#### Human AI Case Profile

17. (U) NAMRU-2 reports no new H5N1 cases in humans since we transmitted Ref A on April 6. The Ministry of Health concluded that one of the victims of a recent family cluster in Lampung was infected with an H3 virus. However, NAMRU-2 does not support this finding, having found both the sample from the MOH and a separate sample to be negative.

18. (SBU) NAMRU-2 data indicates the following AI-related case profile as of April 24:

-- Number of laboratory confirmed (positive PCR and/or serology) human AI cases: 35, of which 26 have been fatal (fatality rate of 74 percent).

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-- Number of probable AI cases: 3, with 2 deaths (fatality rate of 66 percent).

-- Number of cases awaiting verification by the US CDC: 0.

-- Number of possible AI cases under investigation: approximately 54.

-- Number of excluded AI cases: 257.

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